

In The Claims:

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A gaming device having a bonus scheme comprising:
a plurality of selections;
a plurality of credit symbols associated with said selections;
a plurality of award symbols associated with said selections;
a winning combination of award symbols and a jackpot award associated with said winning combination of award symbols;
a display device adapted to display the selections, credit symbols and award symbols to a player; and
a processor which communicates with the display device, provides a number of credits to the player when the player chooses each of the selections having an associated credit symbol, accumulates the award symbols when the player chooses each selection having an associated award symbol, provides a number of credits to the player when the player chooses at least one selection having an associated award symbol, and provides the player the jackpot award when the accumulated award symbols reach said winning combination of award symbols.

Please amend Claim 2 as follows:

2. (Amended) The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the processor provides the player at least one credit associated with each selection having an associated award symbol.

Please amend Claim 9 as follows:

9. (Amended) The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the number of credits provided to the player increases with each subsequent chosen selection having an associated award symbol.
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[Please amend Claim 10 as follows:]

10. (Amended) A method of operating a bonus round of a gaming device, said method comprising the steps of:

- (a) triggering said bonus round;
- (b) displaying a plurality of selections to a player;
- (c) picking one of the selections;
- (d) displaying a symbol associated with the picked selection;
- (e) providing the player an award and accumulating the symbol if the symbol associated with the picked selection is an award symbol, wherein at least one said award is associated with one of the award symbols;
- (f) providing the player an award if the symbol associated with the picked selection is a credit symbol;
- (g) providing the player a jackpot award if the accumulated award symbols reach a predetermined number of award symbols; and
- (h) repeating steps (c) through (g) until a number of selections are picked.

[Please amend Claim 11 as follows:]

11. (Amended) The method of Claim 10, which includes enabling the player to pick the selections.

[Please amend Claim 12 as follows:]

12. (Amended) The method of Claim 11, which includes determining the number of picks of selections based on the player's bet in a primary game which triggers the bonus round.

[Please amend Claim 13 as follows:]

13. (Amended) The method of Claim 12, wherein the number of picks of the selections is equal to or greater than the predetermined number of award symbols if the player makes a minimum wager in a primary game which triggers the bonus round.

Please cancel Claim 14 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add new Claim 16 as follows:

16. (Newly Added) The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes a selection confirmation indicator connected to the processor which enables the player to confirm the player's selections after the player selects all of the player's selections.

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Please add new Claim 17 as follows:

17. (Newly Added) The method of Claim 1, which includes a selection confirmation indicator connected to the processor which enables the player to confirm each selection picked by the player.

Please add new Claim 18 as follows:

18. (Newly Added) The method of Claim 12, which includes enabling the player to confirm the player's picked selections after the player picks all of the player's selections.

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Please add new Claim 19 as follows:

19. (Newly Added) The method of Claim 12, which includes enabling the player to confirm each selection picked by the player.

Please add new Claim 20 as follows:

20. (Newly Added) A gaming device having a game comprising:
a plurality of selections;
a plurality of credit symbols associated with a plurality of said selections;
a plurality of award symbols associated with a plurality of said selections;
a display device adapted to display the selections, credit symbols and award symbols to a player; and

a processor in communication with the display device, said processor providing the player with a number of picks of the selections, providing the player with an amount of credits for each pick of one of the selections having an associated credit symbol, providing the player with an amount of credits for at least one pick of one of the selections having an associated award symbol, and providing the player a jackpot award if the player selects a predetermined number of selections having associated award symbols with the player's number of picks of the selections.

Please add new Claim 21 as follows:

21. (Newly Added) The gaming device of Claim 20, wherein the number of the player's picks of selection is based on the player's wager in a primary game of the gaming device.

Please add new Claim 22 as follows:

22. (Newly Added) The gaming device of Claim 20, wherein the number of picks is equal to or greater than the number of selections having associated award symbols.

Please add new Claim 23 as follows:

23. (Newly Added) The gaming device of Claim 20, which includes at least one functional symbol associated with one of the selections.

Please add new Claim 24 as follows:

24. (Newly Added) The gaming device of Claim 23, wherein the functional symbol changes the number of the player's picks of the selections.

[Please add new Claim 25 as follows:]

25. (Newly Added) The gaming device of Claim 23, wherein the functional symbol modifies the number of credits provided to the player.

[Please add new Claim 26 as follows:]

26. (Newly Added) The gaming device of Claim 20, which includes a selection confirmation indicator connected to the processor which enables the player to confirm the player's picked selections after the player picks the number of selections.

[Please add new Claim 27 as follows:]

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(cont.) 27. (Newly Added) A gaming device having a game comprising:
a plurality of selections;
a plurality of credit symbols associated with a plurality of said selections;
a plurality of award symbols associated with a plurality of said selections;
a display device adapted to display the selections, credit symbols and award symbols to a player; and
a processor in communication with the display device, said processor providing the player with a number of picks of the selections, providing the player with an amount of credits for each pick of one of the selections having an associated credit symbol, accumulating the award symbols for each pick of one of the selections having an associated award symbol, and providing the player an award based on the number of accumulated award symbols associated with the selections picked by the player, wherein said award non-linearly increases as the number of accumulated award symbols increases.

[Please add new Claim 28 as follows:]

28. (Newly Added) The gaming device of Claim 27, wherein credits are associated with the award symbols and the processor provides the player the credits associated with the award symbols for each pick of one of the selections having an associated award symbol.

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[Please add new Claim 29 as follows:]

29. (Newly Added) A method of operating a game of a gaming device, said method comprising the steps of:

- (a) displaying a plurality of selections to a player;
- (b) enabling the player to make a number of picks of said selections;
- (c) displaying a symbol associated with each picked selection;
- (d) accumulating the symbol if said symbol is an award symbol;
- (e) providing the player at least one credit if the symbol is a credit symbol;

and

(f) providing the player an additional award based on the number of accumulated award symbols, wherein said additional award non-linearly increases as the number of accumulated award symbols increases.

[Please add new Claim 30 as follows:]

30. (Newly Added) The method of Claim 29, wherein the additional award includes a jackpot.

[Please add new Claim 31 as follows:]

31. (Newly Added) The method of Claim 29, wherein the number of picks of the selections is based on the player's wager in a primary game of the gaming device which triggers said game.

[Please add new Claim 32 as follows:]

32. (Newly Added) The method of Claim 29, wherein the number of picks includes at least an amount equal to or greater than a total number of award symbols associated with the selections.

[Please add new Claim 33 as follows:]

33. (Newly Added) The method of Claim 29, which is operated through a data network.

Please add new Claim 34 as follows:

34. (Newly Added) The method of Claim 33, wherein the data network is an internet.

Please add new Claim 35 as follows:

35. (Newly Added) A method of operating a game of a gaming device, said method comprising the steps of:

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- (a) displaying a plurality of selections to a player;
 - (b) enabling the player to make a number of picks of said selections.
 - (c) displaying a symbol associated with each picked selection;
 - (d) providing the player at least one credit and accumulating the symbol if said symbol is an award symbol;
 - (e) providing the player at least one credit if the symbols is a credit symbol;
- and
- (f) providing the player an additional award based on the accumulated number of award symbols.

Please add new Claim 36 as follows:

36. (Newly Added) A gaming device comprising:

- a plurality of selections;
- a plurality of credit symbols associated with a plurality of said selections;
- a plurality of award symbols associated with a plurality of said selections;
- a winning combination of award symbols;
- a processor providing a number of picks of the selections;
- at least one credit provided to a player for each picked selection having an associated credit symbol; and
- at least one credit provided to the player for at least one picked selection having an associated award symbol; and
- a jackpot award provided to the player if, within the provided number of picks of the selections, the player picks the selections having associated award symbols which are the winning combination of award symbols.

[Please add new Claim 37 as follows:]

37. (Newly Added) The gaming device of Claim 36, which includes a plurality of winning combinations of award symbols that can be selected within the number of picks.

[Please add new Claim 38 as follows:]

38. (Newly Added) A method of operating a bonus game of a gaming device, said method comprising the steps of:

enabling a player to pick a number of selections in the bonus game from a plurality of selections;

providing credits to the player in response to a plurality of said picked selections;

accumulating jackpot award symbols associated with the picked selections; and

providing a jackpot award to the player if the player accumulates pre-determined award symbols, wherein the bonus game is arranged such that odds of obtaining said pre-determined award symbols is low enough such that the jackpot award can be at least approximately \$1,000,000.

[Please add new Claim 39 as follows:]

39. (Newly Added) The method of Claim 38, which is operated through a data network.

[Please add new Claim 40 as follows:]

40. (Newly Added) The method of Claim 39, wherein the data network is an internet.